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Applicants: Naotaka TSUNODA et al.

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For: HEADPHONE DEVICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure by rewriting same to read as follows:

--A headphone device including an earpad worn outside of the ear (15) on the head of a user and a housing provided with a speaker unit as well as a fitting portion (8) on which the earpad (5) is fit. The earpad includes a cushion (9) and a